

with surrounding counties; an increase in range covering parts of Blount County that is currently deficient; portable radio coverage within buildings; and, reduced maintenance costs by operating one instead of many independent systems.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLD MILL CREEK

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Old Mill Creek, a town in my district that is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The town of Old Mill Creek is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Located five miles south of the Wisconsin border, Old Mill Creek was first settled by Scottish immigrants as a small agricultural community in the 1830s. One immigrant, Jacob Miller, built a sawmill along the Des Plaines River naming it Millburn, "burn" being the Scottish word for creek. The village of Old Mill Creek was incorporated in 1959. Old Mill Creek remains a rural community with a population of 251.

Madam Speaker, Old Mill Creek is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the town of Old Mill Creek for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Old Mill Creek for reaching their 50th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3288, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations for FY 2010. Our commitment to a strategy of aggression rather than a strategy of dialogue is evident in the State and Foreign Operations portion of this legislation that includes billions of dollars in military aid, sanctions and funds for policies in the Middle East that undermine the Administration's call for a commitment to diplomacy. There are many laudable provisions in this bill but I cannot support legislation that includes funding for programs and support for the failed policies of aggression and disregard for international human rights.

I oppose the inclusion of the Export-Import Bank provision regarding Iran. This section calls on the President to implement the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 and encourages all foreign governments to require state-owned and private entities to cease all investment in Iran's energy sector. In June of this year, I joined the House of Representatives in voting

to express support for the people of Iran who embrace the values of freedom, civil liberties and human rights. Sanctions are meant to destabilize economies and have disastrous effects on the citizens at the receiving end. This provision will not harm the leadership in Iran; it will harm the people of Iran we claim to support.

I oppose the inclusion of \$239 million in foreign military financing for Pakistan. More unmanned drone attacks have been authorized in the first few months of this Administration than in the last year of the Bush Administration. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed by these predator drones that contravene international law and cement anti-American sentiment. Military operations in the region will only serve to further destabilize a faltering Pakistan and undermine our national security.

This legislation includes provisions that further undermine the image of the United States in the Middle East as an honest broker. It includes language that places conditions on aid to the West Bank and Gaza that cannot be satisfied in the immediate future. At the same time, the bill provides military aid to Israel without investigating credible accusations that Israel is using weapons provided by the U.S. in an offensive posture in contravention of U.S. law and international law. The perception of the U.S. as an honest broker is necessary for good-faith negotiations.

I support many provisions in this bill, such as the \$4.8 billion investment in transportation infrastructure and \$1.4 billion allocated for dislocated worker programs. I fully support the \$2.2 billion authorized for Community Health Centers that provide primary health care to almost 17 million patients, forty-percent of whom are uninsured. The \$14.5 billion appropriated for Title 1 grants for 20 million disadvantaged children in school districts across the country and high-quality early learning programs are to be supported.

Regrettably, these essential services were folded into a continuing resolution with programs that I cannot support. We cannot claim to travel the path toward peace when funding for a strengthened diplomatic core is paralleled by funding for policies of isolation and aggression.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3288, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSAA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Amount: \$1,350,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: UT Medical Center, 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920

Description of Request: The funding would be used for renovation and expansion of the

Family Medicine Building and Clinic at the UT Medical Center.

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Round Lake, a village in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of Round Lake is celebrating its 100th anniversary. In the 1890s, when officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railroad announced an extension of the Milwaukee-Chicago line, landowners near Hainesville, IL knew a railroad station would increase property values. One such resident, Amarias White, offered the railroad free land in exchange for a station. White succeeded and Round Lake, named after the nearby lake, became the area station. In 1909, the village incorporated with White as the first village president. Through the beginning of the 20th Century, Round Lake's population remained predominately agricultural and the lake acted as a summer retreat for Chicago residents. Today, Round Lake continues to develop as a suburban community.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Round Lake is unique in its history and adds to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Round Lake for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Round Lake for reaching their 100th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2009, I was not able to be present for votes on four amendments to H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" rollcall vote 963 and rollcall vote 964, and I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 965 and rollcall vote 966.

HONORING TONY PINI

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Tony Pini, a popular leader and a family man, who served as Fire Chief in Santa Rosa, California, for 18 years. Tony passed away December 8, 2009, at the age of 62.